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### Mission Status

(as of Tuesday)

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T-1	
	-1.19
T-38	
	-2.2
T-37	

Total Sorties FY01: 40,781

Total Hours FY01: 60,355

Wings Earned FY01: 210

Wings Earned Since 1963: 11,918

## Air Power

Quote of the Week

"Instead of our drab slogging forth and back to the fishing boats, there's a reason to life! We can lift ourselves out of ignorance; we can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and intelligence and skill. We can be free! We can learn to fly."

—Richard Bach

## Laughlin welcomes former wing commanders for annual golf tourney

Compiled from staff reports

Six former 47th Flying Training Wing commanders are among sixty-eight golfers competing this weekend in Laughlin's 30th Annual Commander's Invitational Golf Tournament.

The former base commanders are Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, Air Force chief of safety; Col. Winfield Scott III, Air Mobility Command inspector general; and retirees, Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith; Maj. Gen. Lawrence Garrison; Brig. Gen. Anthony Farrington Jr.; and Brig. Gen. Albert Gagliardi Jr.

Other participants include Maj. Gen. Stephen Polk, 19th Air Force commander, and retired Maj. Gen. Gerald Prather.

Col. Jack B. Egginton, 47th FTW commander, hosts the 17 four-person teams playing in the 36-hole scramble tournament.

"The tournament provides an opportunity for past commanders and local civilian dignitaries to interact with Laughlin people and receive an update on current activities, as well as to further cement our strong bond between the base and community," he said.

Tournament activities begin this afternoon. Awards will

be presented Sunday afternoon.

One award will be presented to the player who can hit a hole in one. General Peppe is the only person in the past 29 years to accomplish this feat. He aced the 205-yard 17th hole during the 1999 tournament.



Maj. Gen. Garrison  
July 8, 1975 - Aug. 16, 1977



Brig. Gen. Farrington  
Aug. 14, 1981 - March 1, 1983



Brig. Gen. Gagliardi  
March 1, 1983 - Nov. 29, 1984



Lt. Gen. Griffith  
July 2, 1986 - July 24, 1987



Maj. Gen. Peppe  
Aug. 17, 1994 - Jan. 5, 1996



Col. Scott  
Oct. 14, 1999 - Dec. 5, 2000

## Weather radar destroyed by high winds

By 1st Lt.  
Dawnita Parkinson  
Public affairs

The weather radar used by Laughlin, located near Brackettville, sustained severe damage Saturday morning as a result of unusually high winds.

The cost to replace the radar dome is approximately \$300,000, according to Maj. Anthony Zarbano, 47th Communications Squadron commander. The Ra-

dar Operations Center in Norman, Okla., is coordinating repairs with the Air Force Weather Agency, Ogden Air Logistics Center, vendors and the 47 CS, said Zarbano.

Laughlin's radar will be inoperable for several weeks until the new dome can be installed. In the meantime, the 47th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight will get its radar data from one of several other radars in the surrounding area.



(Courtesy photo)

Laughlin's dome was severely damaged Saturday in high winds.

# Commanders' Corner

By Lt. Col. Larry Goodwin  
12th Flying Training Wing  
Plans and Programs chief

## Positive traits lead to lasting success

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – We all possess character traits that clearly define our actions. We work to foster those same positive traits in the people we deal with each day. We want our children to emulate good character traits. We want to be surrounded by people we can trust to make decisions according to sound principles.

In the oaths we recited upon joining the military are hidden many of these traits. Our leaders knew those defending the nation should possess these traits and formulated the oaths based on them.

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress established different oaths for the enlisted members and officers of the Continental Army. The first oath under the Constitution was approved in September 1789 and applied to all commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and privates in the service of the United States.

"I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic ..."

The first sentence calls on us to exhibit the traits of trustworthiness and courage. The Ameri-

can people trust us to accept the challenges we're faced with to defend and protect the Constitution and all our country represents.

As military members, we also need the courage and mental and moral strength to press forward into whatever duty we're called.

"... that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same ..."

The second trait we display is responsibility. We exhibit commitment and dedication in that responsibility. We should be proud to serve as responsible members of the flight, squadron, group, wing, Air Force, Department of Defense and national team.

We all depend on each other to get the job done. The principle of synergy – the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts – applies here. As we work together to perform the mission, we accomplish more than any one individual or organization can accomplish alone.

"... and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice" or "..."

that I take this obligation freely, with out any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter."

In these two phrases from the enlisted and officer oaths, we subscribe to the traits of respect, candor and unselfishness. We are not in the military for ourselves. We are here to serve. There is always someone to whom we report. It is our duty to ensure the lawful orders we receive are carried out.

We undertake the challenge to exhibit candor, being honest in what we say and how we act. Our profession of arms leaves no room for half-truths. Complete honesty in all we do must be absolute.

These are just a few of the desirable character traits we need to emulate as members of the military. Continuously striving to develop these traits in ourselves and others will ensure continued prosperity, both personally and professionally.

Character counts. It is a vital ingredient in life's recipe for success.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

## Top Three Talk



By Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis  
47th Flying Training Wing career assistance adviser

### Air Force gave all I asked, more

As a member of the world's greatest Air Force, I enjoy sharing my reasons for making the Air Force my career and life.

I am originally from Piqua, Ohio, and had pretty good grades through high school. When I graduated from high school, I went to work detail-

ing used cars for resale at a car dealership. I made pretty good money. In fact, I made more money than when I first came in the Air Force. Even though I made more money, it came with zero benefits – no retirement plan, paid vacation, medical plan, dental plan, life insurance, and no chance for career advancement.

I enlisted for six years as a security specialist and got to sew on airman first class after completing basic training. I wanted to experience everything the recruiter promised me, but I knew this would not happen overnight. Eventually, I got

what I asked for and have never regretted it.

I wanted travel and the Air Force said, "Okay." I completed five assignments in my first six years, including two overseas short tours to Korea and Belgium. I wanted more responsibility and again the Air Force said, "Okay." The Air Force trained me on two state-of-the-art alarm systems and challenged me to dispatch numerous patrols to incidents to protect millions of dollars in nuclear weapons systems vital to national security.

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Col. Jack Egginton

Commander

1st Lt. Dawnita Parkinson

Public affairs chief

Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

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**"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."**

– 47 FTW motto

**'Air Force,' from page**

I wanted to be a leader, again the service responded with, "Okay." When I was promoted to senior airman, the Air Force assigned me three brand new airmen to supervise, train and mentor as future leaders. When I became a noncommissioned officer, the Air Force switched roles and asked more of me. Over the next few years and assignments, I was an area supervisor for a nuclear weapons storage area and an alert B-52 bomber area. I was also a flight chief for a missile complex, noncommissioned officer in charge of missile security control, superintendent of security forces training and superintendent of law enforcement operations.

The Air Force then said, "By the way, now that you have progressed to senior non-commissioned officer status, you need to get involved with professional organizations and give back to those personnel who helped you get there." The Air Force was right to ask that of me, and I give back without regret.

My journey with the Air Force has been nothing short of rewarding. I won't lie to you and say everything in my Air Force career has gone smoothly. I did make my fair share of mistakes, but for the most part every day was an enjoyable experience.

In my opinion, there is no greater honor than defending our nation and protecting the freedom of all Americans.

When considering leaving the Air Force, ask yourself these questions: Are your friends back home doing the same things they have always done? What are their travel plans? How is their pension fund? What is the cost of their medical care? Do they get an opportunity to lead and make decisions that affect others? Does it appear your hometown is stuck in time?

The Air Force isn't perfect, but all things considered, no one comes close.

# Laser surgery improves sight

**Lt. Col. Daniel M. Harrier**  
*47th Operations Group plans chief*

Imagine being a pilot who had to wear glasses or contacts for seven years with no hope of ever seeing clearly without them. Then imagine having laser pulses directed into your eyes and awaking one morning with 20/15 (better than 20/20) vision, without using corrective lenses.

That's my story, and I owe my improved vision to treatment that's been available in the Air Force for just a few months.

Photo Refractive Keratectomy is a procedure where a cool beam of ultraviolet, pulsating light is used to remove tissue from the surface of the eye. It was approved for Air Force aircrew Aug. 2, 2000. When it was offered to Laughlin volunteers in October, I immediately jumped at the chance.

The first step was to take out my contacts and wait for four weeks. That was a painfully long time, because I had to adjust to flying with glasses again. Dr. (Capt.) John Mileski, 47th Medical Group optometrist, conducted a screening to see if I fit the criteria to get the procedure. Afterward, he forwarded the paperwork to Brooks Air Force Base for evaluation. It was nearly two weeks before the medical staff at Brooks scheduled me for the 1 1/2 weeks of testing, surgery and post-op.

In two days at Brooks, I had every imaginable eye test, including night-vision goggles. Because PRK for aircrew is in its infancy, the base-line data collection on participants is valuable as a comparison tool for future follow-up exams.

The surgery was performed at Wilford Hall Medical Center after a pre-op exam. Surgery day started at 7:30 a.m. with a mass briefing for all the PRK patients scheduled that day. The surgeon gave us a last-minute overview of the procedure, the risks and follow-up. We watched a short video

of PRK testimonials, asked our final questions and waited for our turn. With only 10-15 minutes per patient, I didn't have to wait long.

The laser chair was similar to a dentist's chair. Once on my back, both the nurse and surgeon gave me a series of eye drops, one of which numbed my eye. A computer calculated that I needed 19 seconds of laser pulsing in each eye; some people need up to 90 seconds. The surgeon scraped the very

outer layer of cells, called the epithelium, from my eye. Then the thin, underlying layer, the stroma, was gently destroyed and my cornea reshaped. The stroma will not grow back, but the epithelium grew back in a few days.

The last step in the procedure was to clamp my eye open, and I stared into a red light during the laser exposure. I elected to correct both eyes on the same day, so this process was

quickly repeated for my other eye. Once the procedure was complete, my eye was flushed with more drops, and a contact bandage was applied.

Immediately after leaving the laser room, I could read signs at distances. I couldn't before surgery. No pain, no headache, no side effects, yet my life was changed; I was given back the miracle of clear vision. I tested at 20/40 immediately after the surgery, which is good enough to drive in Texas. By noon, I was back in my billeting room. The doctor's orders were to take it easy and take a prescribed pain killer if necessary. I visited Wilford Hall two more times before driving back to Del Rio.

I am the first pilot from Laughlin to get PRK; however, I expect many more will follow now that the ice has been broken. People interested in PRK should talk to a physician and read the article in the May 2001 issue of Flying Safety magazine. It may help you to see clearly whether or not this procedure is right for you.

***No pain, no headache, no side effects, yet my life was changed; I was given back the miracle of clear vision.***

## Actionline

298-5351

reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal



**Col. Jack Egginton**  
47 FTW commander

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FWA hotline	298-4170

# New program delivers several choices to re-enlisting airmen

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Airmen will soon have a new way to re-enlist, offering them more control over separations and retirements and possibly bringing more money into the pockets of those eligible for bonuses.

Upon implementation of the Air Force's Military Personnel Data System Modernization (MILMOD) program, tentatively set for the beginning of June, airmen re-enlisting will fall under the Full Enlistment Program.

Full enlistment will allow airmen to specify the number of years and months they wish to re-enlist. They must re-enlist for a minimum of four years and a maximum of six. This program allows re-enlistment to high year of tenure, using a combination of yearly and monthly increments. Senior airmen may not exceed their high year of tenure, and those eligible to retire may not exceed their HYT plus one month.

The program also has another major change from the current system in that airmen are required to fulfill their entire re-enlistment contract, said Master Sgt. Mai Pederson, chief of enlisted skills management.

"Under the current program, any unserved obligation from the previous enlistment contract is absorbed within the new contract," she said. "Full enlistment will require airmen to add any unserved obligation to their re-enlistment contract. This revised re-enlistment policy requires re-enlistees to fulfill all unserved contractual periods along with their new re-enlistment contract."

For example, if more than 29 days remain until an airman's date of separation, the period will be counted as one month. If 29 days or less remain, the days will not be added to the new contract. If an airman's date of separation is July 15, and the air-

man decides to re-enlist May 1 for four years, the airman's remaining obligated service is two months and 15 days. The airman's new period of re-enlistment will be four years and two months because the remaining 15 days are less than 29 days and are therefore not included.

If this same airman was eligible for a Selective Re-enlistment Bonus and re-enlisted for four years and two months, the new SRB would be paid for four years because the airman was already paid for the two months in the previous re-enlistment. The two months of obligated service would not be recouped because it would be served in the new contract.

***"This revised re-enlistment policy requires re-enlistees to fulfill all unserved contractual periods along with their new re-enlistment contract."***

**-Master Sgt. Mai Pederson**  
Chief, enlisted skills management

This program was developed to help improve the current retention situation, Pederson said.

Airmen may re-enlist under the current system until MILMOD implementation, after which they must use the Full Enlistment Program.

The Air Force has been reviewing its force, stability and sustainment policies. It has found artificial constraints – combined with falling retention rates – have made a significant impact on its ability

to maintain a viable force, said personnel officials at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base. They added that the future Air Force depends on people completing their obligated periods of service. The Full Enlistment Program was created to help maximize that investment.

The re-enlistment window has also been expanded from three months before the estimated time-in-service date to 12 months. This was changed to allow second-term and career airmen more flexibility on re-enlistment dates.

The program will give airmen more control over their careers and allow them to maximize their SRB entitlements, AFPC officials said.

For more information on the Full Enlistment Program, call Tech. Sgt. Sheri Robinson at 298-4769.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Newslines

### Base's new leisure travel provider sponsors trip

Laughlin's leisure travel support will now be managed by Carlson Wagonlit Travel under a new contract that begins today. SatoTravel will still handle official travel.

The new Carlson Wagonlit Travel office is located at the Fiesta Center. Leisure travelers may call Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 298-3482 for more information or to book a vacation.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel offers leisure travelers discounts of up to 50 percent on select cruises, tours and hotels. These discount rates, known as FedSavers, are offered exclusively by Carlson. For 24-hour convenience, leisure travelers can access FedSavers on the AETC-dedicated leisure Web site at [www.cwgovernment.com/afaetc](http://www.cwgovernment.com/afaetc).

In its first gesture as AETC's new leisure travel services provider, Carlson is sponsoring a seven-night Caribbean cruise aboard Royal Caribbean International. Registration forms are available at Carlson Wagonlit Travel at the Fiesta Center. The deadline for entering is July 31, and the winner will be announced Aug. 10. No purchase is necessary, but entrants must be 18 years or older.

### Bonds campaign begins

The 2001 U.S. Savings Bonds Campaign at Laughlin is scheduled to begin today and end June 30. The campaign's goal is to inform all base people of the benefits of the payroll savings plan.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Shanna Latimer at 298-5304.

### Menu available by phone

People can access the Chaparral menu daily by calling 298-4688.

### Language studies offered

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides an opportunity for at least three officers to study a foreign language at a university abroad. Participants incur an active-duty service commitment equal to three times the length of training.

After completing the program, participants can participate in a one-year advanced degree program at an American university, for which the officer will incur an additional ADSC equal to three times the length of training.

Both commitments would run concurrently. Officers with demonstrated leadership and scholastic abilities are sought.

For more details, contact Tech. Sgt. Sabina Wiener at 298-5277.

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# Official Air Force Web site marks first anniversary

By Marie Vanover

AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – Marking its one-year anniversary, the Air Force's official family and community Web site continues to be a valuable resource for Air Force people and their family members.

The Air Force Crossroads site, [www.afcrossroads.com](http://www.afcrossroads.com), pools Web resources from across the Air Force and Department of Defense into a single location to meet the growing need for family and community information. Designed to support the mobile military lifestyle, Crossroads provides service information and content for all members of the Air Force community – active-duty, civilians, Reserve and Guard, retirees and family members.

Since its inception, the Web site has expanded its forums to include spouse and employment bulletin board message centers. Additionally, a new spouse forum has been added, which provides access to a variety of Air Force topics.

"The forum recognizes the role spouses play in managing the family during moves and separations," said Gale Johnson, Air Education and Training Command relocation manager. "The site assists them in dealing with routine and extraordinary circumstances that often occur. The spouse forum provides an opportunity for spouses to learn from each other and share their experiences, information and resources."

The site's chat rooms offer spouses a new and affordable way to communicate with one another, their distant family members and deployed service members at the click of a button, said Johnson. An Air Force teens and youth forum is also available.

Crossroads provides one-stop shopping for information on installations, dependent schools and the local area to help ease the PCS transition process. The educational resources section comes complete with performance evaluations, scholarship information and resources for special needs and home-schooling families, while the employment section offers a database where family members can search for jobs at their new locations and post their resumes online.

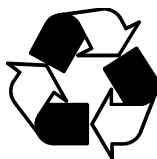
According to Johnson, the site continues to expand to meet the needs of Air Force people and their families.

"With the upcoming summer PCS moves, now is a good time to check out the Crossroads Web site," Johnson said. "Information is updated continuously to assist our folks with the daily demands of their military lifestyle."

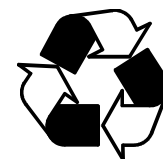
The site is publicly accessible from home to Air Force people. Forum membership is certified through verification of personal information, and registration requires a user name and password.

"I hope the site continues to grow," said Larry Weed, military spouse. "There is a lot of information out there, and bringing all of it together is very beneficial."

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)



## Recycle...



## 3 x 10 ARMED FORCES

## ***Captain sentenced for refusing anthrax shot***

SAN ANTONIO – On May 22, a panel of 11 officers sentenced Dr. (Capt.) John Buck for willfully disobeying a lawful order by not taking the anthrax vaccine.

Buck's sentence included a reprimand, forfeiture of \$1,500 pay per month for 14 months, and restriction for 60 days to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., where he is assigned.

An emergency room physician, Buck willfully disobeyed the Department of Defense directive that he take part in the mandatory anthrax inoculation program.

His court-martial began May 14.

(Courtesy of Air Force  
Print News)

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## **Cadet sentenced for drug use, distribution**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Cadet 2nd Class Matthew N. Garchow was sentenced by court-martial May 23 to confinement for 10 months, dismissal and forfeiture of all pay and allowances after he pleaded guilty to using ecstasy, ketamine, and attempting to distribute LSD.

Garchow is expected to be confined at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The case will be reviewed by the general court-martial convening authority, Lt. Gen. John R. Dallager.

(Courtesy of Air Force  
Print News)

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# Command selects people for recruiter duty

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – Air Education and Training Command has identified 26 people for recruiter duty during the first round of the new recruiter selection program.

These selections, along with previous volunteer selections, fill all but four of 86 requirements advertised March 12-23, according to command personnel officials.

Air Force Recruiting Service is presently screening candidates to fill the four remaining requirements.

The selection of these service members for recruiter duty ends the initial round of a process that began in November when the Air Force announced it was ending its all-volunteer recruiter system and adopting a selection-based program. The program is aimed at staff sergeants and staff-selects through master sergeants with under 16 years of service.

The selectees were chosen from a list of 120 names provided by the Air Force Personnel Center,

***“We anticipate continued selection throughout the coming assignment cycles as we continue to ramp up to our goal of 100 percent...”***

**-Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Bell**  
AETC superintendent, special duty assignments

which had been pre-screened for the recruiter selection pool, said Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Bell, AETC superintendent of special-duty assignments.

“Candidates were notified and were required to submit applications to AETC,” he said. “AFRS then screened applications to evaluate each member’s suitability for recruiter duty.”

AFPC will review assignments and should release them to the field by Thursday, with reporting

dates between Aug. 30 and Oct. 30, Bell said. However, selectees may attend recruiter school by Wednesday.

“We anticipate continued selection throughout the coming assignment cycles as we continue to ramp up to our goal of 100-percent enlisted accession recruiter manning by December,” he said.

To meet this goal, AETC is advertising 139 new requirements on the AETC Web site at [www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/dp/dpa/dpaa/dpaar](http://www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/dp/dpa/dpaa/dpaar). These requirements for November and December reporting are currently posted, said Bell. Interested volunteers may access the Web site to review requirements and submit applications.

AFPC also identified an additional 125 candidates who are presently preparing applications for review by AETC and AFRS, he said. November and December assignments should be completed by June 30.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)



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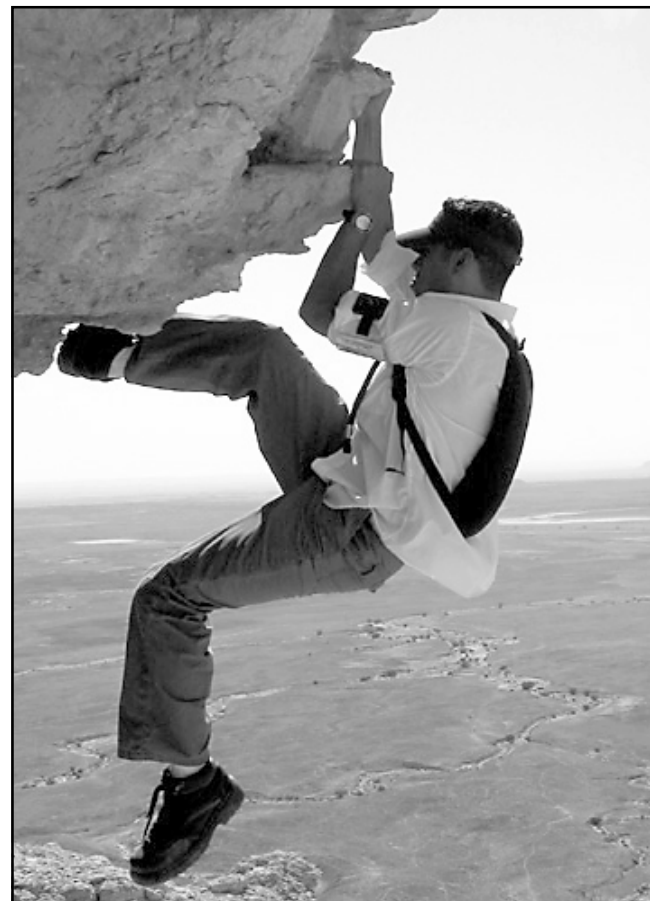


Photo by 2nd Lt. Dave Wilson

### Hangin' around

Senior Airman Adrian Rodriguez hangs out above "The Edge of the World," the destination of a recent trip sponsored by the Eskan Village Chapel for people deployed to Eskan Village, Southwest Asia. The chapel and 320th Expeditionary Services Squadron frequently sponsor trips for people to explore local culture.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

#### *Saturday*

-Mass, 5 p.m.

#### *Sunday*

-Mass, 9:30 a.m.

-Confession by appointment

-Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall

-CCD, 11 a.m., Religious Education Building

#### *Thursday*

-Choir, 6 p.m.

### Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200

### Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519

### Protestant

#### *Sunday*

-General worship, 11 a.m.

-Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building

#### *Monday*

Student Wives' Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. Call 298-7365.

#### *Wednesday*

- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at Chapel

-Choir, 7 p.m. at Chapel

*For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.*



## Question of the week

### What are your summer plans?



**Airman 1st Class  
Becky Lederer**  
47th Aeromedical  
Dental Squadron  
physiology apprentice

"Have fun, party and go to the lake with my boyfriend and friends."



**Capt. Tim Jung**  
86th Flying Training  
Squadron instructor  
pilot

"Visit Sea World and Garner State Park with my family."



**Raquel Arreola**  
Barber (Operations  
Training Complex)

"Take my kids to the beach at South Padre Island."

## The XLer



Photo by Airman 1st Class William Burch

**1st Lt. Justin Oldt**  
47th Security Forces Squadron  
training resources officer in charge

**Hometown:** Mt. Pleasant, Iowa  
**Family:** Wife, Cyndi; sons, Robert, 8, Jarett, 4  
**Time at Laughlin:** 1 year, 7 months  
**Time in service:** 1 year, 10 months  
**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** Hold more formal military functions and family activities.  
**Greatest accomplishment:** Receiving my commission and graduating from Level IV Ground Combat School.  
**Hobbies:** Doing anything outdoors  
**Bad habit:** None  
**Favorite food:** Cannelloni al Forno  
**Favorite beverage:** Orange juice  
**If you could spend one hour with any person, whom would it be and why?** Maj. Robert Rogers. He was the first to capitalize on the use of small units and unconventional tactics and to incorporate them into the fighting doctrine of a permanent fighting force.

# Special volunteer provides warm, 'fuzzy' therapy

**By Sue Campbell**  
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs office

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE – George is a special volunteer at Wilford Hall Medical Center here. He brings smiles to young patients with his warm, fuzzy therapy.

George is a dog.

He is well-trained and can do some really neat stuff, said Senior Airman Jennifer Baum, a life skills support specialist who oversees the hospital's pet therapy program.

Things did not look too good for George in his early days. Master Sgt. Gloria Ornelas, NCOIC of security forces investigations at Lackland, found him by a base gate when he was only about eight weeks old.

Normally, strays are caged and taken to the local dog pound where they will be destroyed if not adopted. Ornelas' heart melted, and she decided to keep the dog. She named him George and took him to a vet where he was cleaned up and given all his shots.

"My dad trains lots of animals on his farm, and he told me George was very smart," Ornelas said. "His opinion encouraged me, and I started teaching him tricks. He learns fast."

A friend told Ornelas about the hospital's pet therapy program and she brought George over for an interview. Life skills personnel evaluated his temperament to determine if he would work well with strangers.

"He had to be covered under my homeowner's insurance and [be] up to date on all his shots," Ornelas said.

"He passed all the requirements."

Children on the hospital's pediatric ward enjoy petting George and get excited when he enters the room. They are overjoyed when Ornelas puts him through his paces that include basic math, discipline and coordination tricks.

George is so good he won first prize during a community dog show in 1999. Now 4 years old, he is one of four dogs who currently serve as special fuzzy therapists.

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Pressing on

Photo by Airman 1st Class William Burch

2nd Lt. Emily Hudson, Laughlin student pilot, tries out a new press machine at the XL Fitness Center Thursday. The 19 Paramount Advanced Performance System machines replaced the older Nautilus equipment. For more information on this new equipment, call the XL Fitness Center staff at 298-5251.

Volleyball standings

Team	Won	Lost
86FTS	7	0
84/85 FTS	7	1
Com/Svs/Cons	5	2
87 FTS	4	3
OSS	4	4
Med Grp	3	4
CE	3	5
LCSAM	1	7

Poor health, lost income, confinement,  
dishonorable discharge...

Ecstasy?

Maybe they should change the name.

1 x 2  
Animal  
House

2 x 2 Patrick Heaney

3 x 3 CLASSIC CUTS

2 x 4 LAINGS

3 x 4 VVRMC